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DATE: 18 June 1973

TO: The Director

FROM: George A. Carver, Jr.

SUBJECT: Possible NBC Special on the Agency

REMARKS:

25X1 1. Attached is a self-explanatory note  
25X1 given to me on 18 June by [redacted]  
[redacted] who is sitting in my office while  
writing an official history of Agency activities  
25X1 in Vietnam. It regards a 16 June telephone  
25X1 conversation between [redacted] and Mr. Stanley  
Karnow, a free lance journalist who (as noted)  
25X1 told [redacted] that he had been commissioned  
by NBC to do a program on the Agency.

25X1 2. I am sending copies of [redacted]  
25X1 note to the people indicated below. As Mr.  
[redacted] observed, there are many Agency  
officers who know Mr. Karnow very well and,  
hence, a variety of possible channels to him  
should further explanatory contacts be desired.

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Attachment

cc: General Walters  
Mr. Colby  
Mr. Thuermer

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MEMORANDUM FOR: George A. Carver, Jr.

SUBJECT : NBC Television Program on CIA

1. On 16 June, in a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] Stanley Karnow said he had been commissioned by NBC to do a prime time television program on the Agency. He gave no further details, but since Karnow returned only very recently from a trip to Europe and to China, one can speculate that he will need at least several weeks to put the program together.

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2. Mr. Karnow knows a considerable number of Agency personnel, especially those who have been stationed in the Far East (notably in Saigon [REDACTED] From about 1959 to 1970 Mr. Karnow and his family lived in Hong Kong. His principal news assignments were to cover Vietnam and China, first as Bureau Chief for Time, then for several years as a free lancer, and during the final period as correspondent for the Washington Post.

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3. [REDACTED] He and his wife have been friends of mine for many years; if anyone so desires, I can probably provide further details, including the names of at least ten or twelve Agency officers whom Karnow has come to know at various stages of his career.

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